



# INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE

The Newsletter for the International Division of AECT

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## Message from the Division President

Dear AECT International Division Members,

Greetings to everyone!

These are such exciting times for the AECT International Division, and on behalf of the Board Members, please accept our appreciation for all that you do for the division.

Let me share with you important decisions made in the Jan 10, 2019, board meeting, to better reflect our division structure and function (Please see the next page for details: Eligibility of president-elect position; Policy for International division Email use; Policy for International division Social Media use; Professional development coordinator).

If you have any suggestions, please send them to me and we will consider them at our next Board Members' meeting.

Oh, and one last thing... if you have amazing ideas, tools and resources to improve learning experiences for learners across the globe and if you are interested in sharing your story to help others, please let me know! We'd love to feature you in an upcoming newsletter.

With warmest regards!

Briju Thankachan Ph.D.  
President AECT- International Division  
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2018 AECT Convention, International Division Meeting, Kansas City, Missouri

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# 2019 International Division: New Decisions

by Briju Thankachan

## New Decisions for the Division Structure and Function

### Eligibility of president-elect position.

- Minimum three years of International Division membership.
- Must have a graduate degree in the field (Educational Communication and Technology) or five years of working experience.
- Must have served on the International Division board for at least one year.

### Policy for International division. Email use. [international@aect.org](mailto:international@aect.org)

- President, president-elect, past-president and communication officer will have access to the password of the International Division email system.
- The President and president-elect are authorized to circulate email messages. Others need to contact the communication officer if they have any information to share with division members.

### Policy for International division Social Media use.

- President, president-elect, past-president and communication officer will be administrators/managers of all social media (Facebook, LinkedIn).
- Any member can post in the division's social media group or pages.
- Communication officer will update the content in social media.

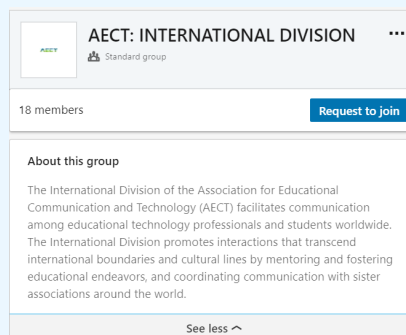
### Professional development coordinator.









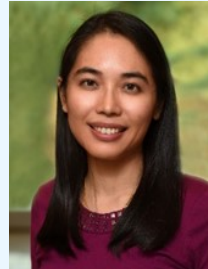

- This is a new position appointed by the division president.
- Coordinator will facilitate webinars, networking and mentoring activities for the division members.

## Accomplishments

Dr. Briju Thankachan: TBLC (Team-Based Learning Collaborative)-certified trainer-consultant

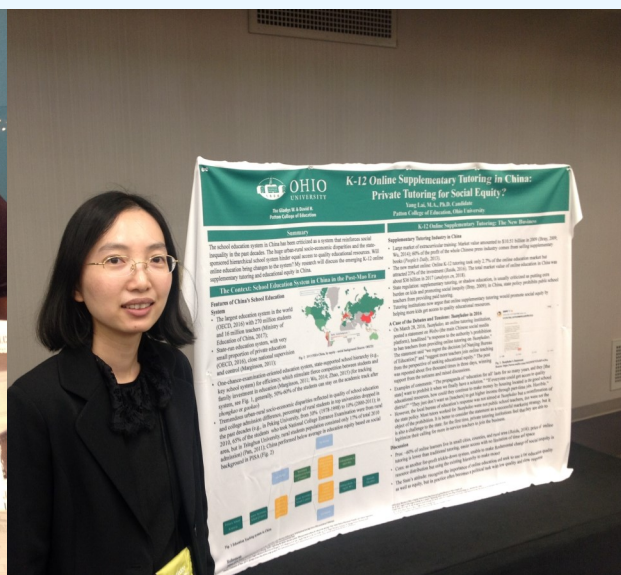
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2018-2019 AECT International Division past, current, and future presidents



NTL: Poster Presentation

# ~~Spotlight~~

By Seungoh Paek



Dr. Seungoh Paek, the president-elect of the International Division at AECT (2018-2019), is an Associate Professor in the Learning Design and Technology (LTEC) Department, College of Education, University of Hawaii at Mānoa. She earned her doctorate in instructional technology and media at Teachers College Columbia University. She also holds master's degrees in Education and Applied Statistics. Dr. Paek's research focuses on the design and development of interactive media and their impact on cognitive development and learning. She's particularly interested in the ways in which digital environment design influences how learners engage—cognitively and behaviorally—with to-be-learned content. She enjoys this line of scholarship as it enables her to work across content areas and age groups. A few recent research projects include digital science notebooks for elementary science education, a web-based political and economic simulation for secondary social studies, and using a flipped classroom for graduate-level instructional design courses.

Before joining the University of Hawaii, Dr. Paek worked as a Research Associate at the Institute for Learning Technologies. In this role, she supported the institute's mission of developing, testing, and implementing new pedagogical approaches by collaborating on the evaluation of various site-based and online educational projects. She also has experience as an intern for the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). While working at the UNDP headquarters, she evaluated training modules used by United Nations employees worldwide. Originally from Seoul, South Korea, Dr. Paek has been involved with the International Division for the past few years. She enjoys meeting faculty, researchers, and students from all around the world. As a former international student herself, Dr. Paek is a passionate advocate for the international student experience.

## Publication from Division Members

By Charles Wang

Zhong, L., Chen, H., Yiao, Z., Tang, H., Wang, C. X. & Li, Y. (2019). Learning for all: Commenting and reflecting on AECT 2018 International Convention. *Journal of Distance Education*, 37(1). 3-16.

This is a collaborative work of International Division members. For the past ten years, International Division members have been introducing the AECT Convention to the Chinese readers through the *Journal of Distance Education*. The *Journal of Distance Education* is a CSSCI journal that ranks No. 1 among educational journals in China with the highest international impact factor score. The synthesized reports of the AECT Convention for the past ten years highlighted major events, best practices, and new research development and trends in the field of educational technology. It has been published as the first article in the first issue of the year for the past ten years. Through this Newsletter, authors of the article, our International Division members, want to also express sincere thanks to the Chief Editor Kan Tao of the *Journal of Distance Education* for his persistent support and trust. We believe that this scholarly and collaborative effort on behalf of International Division members bridges AECT with the Chinese Association of Educational Technology and promotes academic exchanges and research collaborations from both sides.

# ICEM 2019

By Hengtao Tang

**The ICEM 2019 Conference** will take place at the University of Memphis, September 18-21, 2019. ICEM is one of the oldest associations in the field, being established by European Ministries of Education in 1950, with strong links to UNESCO.

The Call for Proposals is now open, with the submission deadline on March 31st, 2019.

This year, ICEM will launch their first graduate students mentoring program at the convention. The call for application will be announced later in spring.

ICEM 2019: <https://www.memphis.edu/icem/>

## 2020 AECT-INDIA

### SUMMER INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

*Tuesday, June 16, 2020 to Thursday, June 18, 2020*

**Kochi, India**



**Theme** - *Intersection of Education and Technology for Learning Design*

#### Session Strands/Tracks

- Emerging Technologies for learning;
- Online/Blended Learning;
- Open Educational Resources (OER)/Free and Open Source Software (FOSS);
- Culture, Equity, and Access;
- Assessment and Evaluation.

#### Call for Proposals

Proposal Submission Start date: June 15, 2019

Submission deadline: Sep 15, 2019

Notification of acceptance date: Jan 15, 2020

More information visit the webpage: <https://aect.org/aect-india.php>

